

# USDA-NRCS-MINNESOTA EQIP APPLICATION SCORING WORKSHEET

## National Priority Scoring for Cottonwood County

(Complete individual factor parts only if cost-shared practices are to be installed)

APPLICANT \_\_\_\_\_ APPLICATION # \_\_\_\_\_ FARM # \_\_\_\_\_ TRACT #(s) \_\_\_\_\_ DATE \_\_\_\_\_

### FACTOR A1 - SHEET AND RILL and/or WIND EROSION CONTROL on any land use

Weighted tons soil/ac./yr. to be saved = \_\_\_\_\_

>0-<3 ☐ 1 point

3-5 ☐ 3 points

>5 ☐ 6 points

☐ 1 point

1 Additional Point if soil erosion is reduced from above "T"  
to "T" or below on all acres

Total A1 Points (Maximum 7)

### FACTOR A2-CLASSIC OR EPHEMERAL GULLY CONTROL on any land use

Structural practice to control gullies 362, 410; 412; 638, 402\* ☐ 6 points

\*installed to control gully erosion

A2 Points (Maximum 6)

### FACTOR B1-WATER RESOURCE PROTECTION PRACTICES

Practice 351; 391; 393; 590; 725; 472(in riparian areas) ☐ 6 points

OR Practice 332; 386; 449; 595; 580; 362\*; 558\*, 709\*, 752 ☐ 4 points

\*installed to improve water quality but not part of a complete runoff control system

B1 Points (Maximum 6)

### FACTOR B2- WASTEWATER AND RUNOFF CONTROL/CNMP

Either SUBFACTOR 1. FEEDLOT RUNOFF CONTROL (CHECK ONLY ONE BOX IF APPLICABLE)

FLEVAL Rating See Instructions

1-10 ☐ 1 Points

11-25 ☐ 2 Points

26-49 ☐ 4 Points

>49 ☐ 6 Points

Or SUBFACTOR 2. GROUNDWATER PROTECTION See Instructions ☐ 6 points

Or SUBFACTOR 3. SEASONAL LANDSPREADING See Instructions ☐ 3 points

Or SUBFACTOR 4. ANIMAL MORTALITY FACILITY; SILAGE LEACHATE ABATEMENT SYSTEM; OR  
MILKHOUSE WASTEWATER SYSTEM - as a single practice See Instructions ☐ 4 points

1 Additional point if subfactor 4 is part of a waste system with other subfactors ☐ 1 point

Total B2 Points (Maximum 7)

### FACTOR C- HABITAT IMPROVEMENT

Practice 395; 643; 645; 647; 657; 402(for wildlife) ☐ 6 points

1 additional point if practice benefits a threatened or endangered species . ☐ 1 point

See instructions.

Total C Points (Maximum 7)

### FACTOR D AIR QUALITY

Practice is specifically installed to benefit air quality. See Instructions ☐ 6 points

OR Practice installed to benefit air quality as a secondary purpose. ☐ 1 point

See instructions

D Points (Maximum 6)

### FACTOR E- SENSITIVE WATERBODIES

Sensitive water body ☐ 1 point

Requested practice identified in a plan ☐ 1 point

See instructions.

E Points (Maximum 2)

### FACTOR F-DISTANCE

Distance from applicable practice or field edge to a receiving water. CHECK ONE BOX ONLY.

Factors A1, A2, B1, B2 ☐ <100' 4pts ☐ 100 to 500' 3pts ☐ 501 to 1000' 2pts ☐ 1001 to 2000' 1 pts

or  
Factors C, G, H ☐ 3pts ☐ 2pts ☐ 1pts ☐ 0pts.

F Points (Maximum 4)

**NATIONAL PRIORITY SCORE**

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Factor A1. Erosion Control	_____	<u>8</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor A2. Gully Control	_____	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B1. Water Resource Protection	_____	<u>8</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor B2. Wastewater/runoff/CNMP	_____	<u>10</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor C. Wildlife Habitat	_____	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor D. Air Quality	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor E. Impaired Water Body	_____	<u>5</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor F. Distance	_____	<u>3</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total of National Priorities(must exceed 0)	_____		_____	_____	_____

**FACTOR G- PRESCRIBED GRAZING SYSTEM (move based on plant growth stage)**

Practice 528A or 528A1

☐ 6 points**G Points (Maximum 6)** **FACTOR H-FOREST MANAGEMENT**

Practice: 655, 666, 490, 612

☐ 6 points**Total H Points (Maximum 6)** **FACTOR I-ADDITIONAL LOCAL OR AREA CONCERN****6 pts.** Enter concern and appropriate practices. See instructions.☐ 6 points

Practices in the Des Moines River Watershed – geographic boundary, Wellhead protection in Cottonwood County for Windom, Jeffers, Red Rock Rural Water System and any other city in county with designated wellhead protection from the MN Dept. of Health.

**I Points (Maximum 6)** **FACTOR J-COST EFFECTIVENESS**

Practices are a cost-effective solution for the primary concern

☐ 1 point**J Points (Maximum1)** **SCORE**

	Points	Local Priority	Local Total	Area Priority	Area Total
Total from National Priorities(above)	_____		_____		_____
Factor G. Grazing System	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor H. Forest Management	_____	<u>1</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor I. Additional Local Concern	_____	<u>10</u>	_____	_____	_____
Factor J. Cost Effectiveness	_____	<u>None</u>	_____	_____	_____
Total Points	_____*		=====!!!!!!		=====

\*Applications scoring less than 7 total base points (points before multiplying by the Priority weight) will be considered a low priority application and be ineligible for funding at this time.